

**CHAPTER NO. 848**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2276**

**By Representatives Harry Brooks, Mike Turner, Crider, Baird, Hagood**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2433**

**By Senators Burchett, Burks**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 211, relative to sinkholes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-211-110, is amended by adding the following language at the end of the section:

Provided however, after January 1, 2005, this section shall not exempt a private natural person from the provisions of this part if that person deposits such household waste in a sinkhole.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-211-117(a), is amended by adding the following language and punctuation at the end of the sentence after the word, "violation":

; provided however, that if the violation involves the disposal of solid waste in a sinkhole, it shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) nor more than seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) per day for each day of violation because of the increased likelihood of harm to the environment and the public

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 20, 2004**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR